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AGREEMENT DRAFT NOT APPROVED.

ENGLAND AWAITING PROVINCIAL REPLIES ON FISHERY CONTENTION.

A London dispatch states that neither Canada nor Newfoundland have yet approved of the draft of the agreement between Ambassador Bryce and Secretary Root which was to have been presented to the Hague as a basis of settlement of existing fishery contentions.

The British government received telegraphic assent on Monday from both the United States and Canada to certain slight alterations in the terms of the draft of the waterways treaty, so that an absolute agreement has now been reached and the signing of the treaty at Washington took place last evening.

This is the agreement which has been popularly alluded to as the "Waterways treaty," but its scope is broader than that designation implies, because it contemplates a disposition of everything in the nature of differences between the two countries and machinery for questions which may arise along certain lines in the future. Provision is made for a joint high commission to be made permanent in character.

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LAST OF FLEET WILL SAIL TODAY.

HERRING VESSELS WILL NOT TAKE CHANCE OF BEING FROZEN IN.

ONLY TWO SCHOONERS REPORTED COMING WITH FULL CARGOES.

Today, if the weather favors, will witness the departure from Bay of Islands, of the last of this season's American herring fleet. Of the 10 vessels now waiting a chance to get away, only two have full cargoes of herring.

Evidently the skippers believe as do the owners here, that the time has come to leave the bay or be frozen in there for four months or more, and are therefore getting out with what herring they have.

A Boston Fish Bureau dispatch of yesterday says that schs. Hiram Lowell and Ingomar with full loads, and schs. Dora A. Lawson, Bohemia, George Campbell, Tattler, Smuggler, Patrician, Aloha and Arkona are ready to come

with only part cargoes. These vessels will sail first chance.

The above dispatch mentions all the vessels supposed to be left in the bay, excepting sch. William Matheson, and it may be that this craft has already left, without record of her sailing having been received here.

The frozen herring of sch. Dauntless have been put in Stanwood's freezer.

The Lunenburg N. S., sch. Ellen L. Maxner arrived at Boston yesterday from Bay of Islands N. F., with 800 barrels of frozen herring and 80 barrels of salt herring. The Maxner left new year's day and was 13 days on the passage. Off here Tuesday night the craft was caught in a heavy blow and came in for shelter getting under way again before daylight.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, returned.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, via Boston.
Sch. Manomet, shore.

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dock, 30,000 cod, 2000 halibut.
Sch. Moanapam, 30,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Muriel, 30,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 7000 haddock, 4000 hake.
Sch. Regina, 14,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 8000 cusk.
Sch. Metamora, 28,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Mina Swim, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Quonnapowit, 25,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Nellie Dixon, 30,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Minerva, 1400 haddock, 900 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 23,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 7000 cod.
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 14,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Harmony, 22,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Washakie, 11,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. John J. Fallon, 28,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 4000 hake, 10,000 cusk.
Haddock, \$2.75 to \$3.30 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$4; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; pollock, \$2; halibut, 22 cts. per lb.

Today's Fish Market.

Ground pollock, 55 cts per cwt.; gutted, 60 cents.
Salt George cod, large \$4.00, mediums, \$3.00.
Bank halibut 11 cts. per lb for white and 8 cts for gray.
Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.
Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$3 for markets.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.75; mediums, \$1.37½; Eastern cod, large \$1.75; medium \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.1 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 75 cts., pollock, 70 cts.
Eastern deck handline cod, \$4.00 for large and \$3.00 for medium.

Boston.

Br. Sch. Ellen L. Maxner, 800 bbls. frozen herring, 80 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Tartar, 14,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 5000 hake, 10,000 cusk.
Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 12,000 haddock, 700 cod, 400 hake.
Sch. Matchless, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 30,000 had-

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MARKET BOAT LOST TRAWLS.

But Crew of Portland Craft Reached Vessel Safely.

Sch. Ella M. Doughty, one of the market fishing fleet, arrived at Portland Tuesday night, minus quite a lot of her trawls due to leaving a set when a severe snowstorm came up, her men having to cut and make for the vessel.

The dories were dropped off Tuesday but soon after the men got on their gear a blinding snowstorm set in, the most severe, said Capt. McIntire, that he had seen for several years. With it came plenty of wind.

The quickening breeze caught several dories still on their trawls, and it was only after several hours of hard work that they were able to make the vessel. As it was, most of them were obliged to cut away their trawls and in consequence, a large number of trawls were lost.

Fortunately, however, all hands managed to get back to the vessel and Capt. McIntire counted himself lucky to get out of a bad position with all accounted for.

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HERRING NOTES.

The British sch. Ellen L. Maxner began the discharge of her cargo of frozen herring at T wharf, Boston, this morning. The price of the cargo is reported in the vicinity of \$2.50 per hundred weight.

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BOARD OF TRADE ENDORSE ACTION.

Sch. Grampus Wanted to Locate Mackerel Schools.

At a meeting of the directors of the Board of Trade this morning it was voted to indorse the action of the Master Mariners' Association in asking of the Bureau of Fisheries the assistance of the sch. Grampus next season in locating the mackerel schools.

It was also voted that copies of the action of the board be sent to Commissioner Bowers and also to the congressman from this district and the senators from this state.

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SHELLFISH PROTECTION

Meeting to Organize a National Association For That Purpose

New York, Jan. 15.—With a view to the protection of the shellfish of the country a meeting of the authorities of the states interested in the matter met today at the office of the New York state fish and game commission to organize a national association of commissioners of shell fisheries.

The states interested are Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oregon, California and Washington, all of which have endorsed the proposed organization.

In the states of the Atlantic seaboard the shellfish industry amounts to millions of dollars yearly, and plans for its conservation have been under consideration for several years, most of the states having just awakened to the realization of its value and possibilities of its development. The United States government has also given it special attention by investigation and experiment.

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TODAY'S RECEIPTS.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, Western Bank, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Leo, shore.

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Salt George cod, large \$4.00, mediums, \$3.00.
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Boston.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 25,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Haddock, \$2.60 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$2.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Ella M. Doughty was at Portland Wednesday with 18,000 pounds of fresh fish and sch. Maggie Turner with 3000 pounds. The latter had a rough time, but lost no gear.

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ONLY TWO FISHING ARRIVALS.

One Haddock at This Port and One at Boston Today.

"Nothing doing," is the verdict in the fish line today, for all that Gloucester and Boston combined can muster is just two arrivals, and the former has the long end, for the old reliable, Capt. Elroy Prior, in sch. Effie M. Prior, is home from Western banks with a big fare, 100,000 pounds of fresh fish, about all haddock, while the best that T wharf can offer is sch. Elmer E. Gray, with about 40,000 pounds.